

2 Panthers Killed in Duel With Police

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CHICAGO, Dec. 4—Illinois Black Panther Chairman, Fred Hampton and another Panther leader, were killed early today in a police raid on their gun-filled West Side apartment.

The pre-dawn gun battle at 2337 West Monroe St. left four other occupants of the apartment wounded. Two policemen were injured, one grazed in the leg by a bullet, the other cut on the head by flying glass.

The second Panther killed was Mark Clark, 22, of Peoria, described as a downstate leader of the party.

Within hours, the shootout became a matter of controversy.

Bobby Rush, local deputy minister of dissent for the Panthers, charged that the police "undertook a search-and-destroy mission this morning in their relentless plan to destroy the Black Panther Party."

But State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, displaying nine shotguns, seven pistols, two carbines and several hundred rounds of ammunition confiscated from the Panther apartment, declared:

"We wholeheartedly commend the police officers for their bravery, their remarkable restraint and their discipline in the face of this vicious Black Panther attack and we expect every decent citizen of our community to do likewise."

The officers who staged the raid were Chicago police assigned to Hanrahan.

At 4:45 a.m., the 14-men police detail, armed with a sub-machinegun, shotguns and revolvers and carrying a search warrant, knocked on the door of the first-floor apartment.

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The warrant had been issued late Wednesday afternoon by Criminal Court Judge Robert J. Collins on the basis of a sworn statement by police Sgt. Daniel Groth that a reliable informant had told of illegal weapons cached in the apartment.

Groth, who led the police, later described the raid:

"I knocked on the door and there was a response, 'Who's there?' I identified myself as a police officer and stated I had a search warrant to search the premises. There was no response. I repeatedly demanded entry."

Groth said several minutes passed before he finally put his shoulder to the door and forced it open.

As Groth and four other policemen broke in, four policemen entered by a back door and five stayed outside to cover the operation, Groth said.

Once in the apartment's darkened hallway, Groth said, he spotted a woman with a shotgun.

The woman fired, Groth said, and the flash from the shotgun lighted the darkness

enough for Officer James Davis to spot a man behind a nearby door with a shotgun leveled at Groth.

"Davis and this man exchanged shots," said Groth.

The body of a man, apparently that of Clark, later was found near the doorway, he said.

At this point, Groth continued, he feared his men entering from the rear might begin firing at policemen entering from the front so he called a halt to the firing.

His order to "come out with your hands up" was answered by a man's voice saying "Shoot it out!" Groth said.

The gunfire resumed briefly and then the surviving Panthers surrendered. The entire episode lasted only about 15 minutes, Groth said.

The body of Hampton, 21, was found in one of the bedrooms.

Taken to Cook County Hospital were Brenda Harris, 16, with gunshot wounds in a hand and the right leg; Verlina Brewer, 17, wounded in the buttocks and right knee; Blair Anderson, 18, wounded in the groin and right leg; and Ronald Satchel, 19, wounded in the right leg, right flank

and right hand. All live in Chicago.

Patrolman John Ciszewski, 24, was treated for a gunshot wound in the left leg and released. Patrolman Edward Carmody, 41, was treated for cuts on the right hand and released.

Taken into custody, uninjured, were Debra Johnson, 19, Chicago; Louis Trulock, 39, Chicago, and Harold Bell, 23, of Rockford Ill.

Hampton said he would seek indictments charging attempted murder against all those arrested.

Panthers to Charge U.S. With 'Genocide'

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4 (UPI) — An attorney for the Black Panther Party said today he would go before the United Nations to charge the United States with "genocide" of militant blacks.

Charles Garry cited today's slaying of two Panthers in a gunfight with Chicago police as an example of what he said was a deliberate extermination policy aimed against the Party.

Defending Panther leader David Hilliard, Garry said Hilliard was using the "rhetoric of the ghetto" rather than

making an actual threat when he said the Panthers would "kill Richard Nixon."

Hilliard, 27, of Berkeley, Calif., was arrested by Secret Service agents in San Francisco Wednesday and charged with making a threat on the President's life during a Nov. 13 antiwar rally in Golden Gate Park. Hilliard spoke before 100,000 persons and television cameras.

With Hilliard's arrest, all the original top leaders of the Panthers are now either in jail or, like Eldridge Cleaver, out of the country.

Seale Is Hospitalized At San Francisco Jail

Special to The Washington Post

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4 — Black Panther Party chairman Bobby Seale has spent the last week in a county jail hospital bed with what a jail official calls "a very bad sore throat." Seale's hospitalization followed a scuffle with guards and two days in an isolation cell.

Seale's attorney, Charles Garry, said the sore throat developed after Seale was "manhandled" by guards on Nov. 24. Garry said Seale told him



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two guards tried to choke him while a third "grabbed his testicles" while taking him to an isolation cell.

Ten days of isolation was ordered for Seale, according to Chief Deputy Sheriff Charles

Cunningham, when a guard found "contraband"—described as metal cups and spoons, the Black Panther newspaper, Jet magazine and notes with "inflammatory" writing—in Seale's cell.